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V.C. Sailor sells his to help family

CLUE Woman's murder dream reported to Yard

U.S. TO EXPLODE H-BOMB

'THE BIGGEST BANG IN ALL HISTORY'

From NEWELL ROGERS: New York, Tuesday

THE United States is planning "the biggest-ever bang . . . the greatest explosion in all history," said Mr. Carl Durham, the acting chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, today.

It will open up "the gravest era in the history of the world," he said.

Nearly all Americans assume he was referring to the new hydrogen bomb, likely to be at least 100 times more powerful than any atomic bomb yet produced.

The explosion will take place this autumn at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific. It will be a "stationary" test. No bomb will be dropped. No warships or military equipment will be used as "guinea-pigs."

Express Science Reporter Chapman Pincher writes: The news can only mean that American scientists have reached the final stage in their experiments to produce a hydrogen bomb.

Many scientists believed that the idea of using an ordinary atom bomb as a fuse to set off a super explosion of "heavy hydrogen" would not work.

The apparent success of the U.S. project means that entire cities can now be destroyed by a single bomb.

Battle weapon

The weapon must be bigger than an ordinary atom bomb, but will almost certainly be small enough to be carried in an airplane.

A disclosure that the weapon could be used tactically on the battlefield was made recently by Senator Brien McMahon, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee, who died two months ago.

He said: "I do not think Stalin will order the Red Army to march against the tactical hydrogen bomb. Neither do I think that Stalin will send his air force or his fleet against this weapon."

The race

Then McMahon warned: "If we can build the H-bomb Stalin can build it too. But if we devote greater resources to the race for hydrogen supremacy we shall get there first."

A $260 million (£93,000,000) plant for manufacturing hydrogen bomb explosive is being built in South Carolina.

The American H-bomb test may coincide with the first British test of an ordinary atom bomb. This is scheduled to take place in the next two weeks at Monte Bello Islands, off the West Australian coast.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Speaking at Strasbourg yesterday, Mr. Eden struck an optimistic note—"

Forgotten man sails off alone

By FRANK ROSTRON

THERE was a forgotten man when the Indian cricket team left Tilbury yesterday for Bombay—Vinoo Mankad, 35-year-old hero of the second Test at Lord's, which is already known as "Mankad's match."

Mankad, with his attractive wife, Manorama, in a sari, and his lively young sons, six-year-old Ashok and four-year-old Atool, sat, ignored, in a tourist-class cabin.

Meanwhile, M.C.C. officials (Mr. W. Findlay, the president, Mr. Ronnie Aird, the secretary, and Mr. Geoffrey Howard, manager of the M.C.C. team which toured India last winter) said farewell to the rest of the team in the first-class section of the ship.

Mankad, Lancashire League professional, was not picked for the original Indian touring party.

But in June the Indian management had to call him in for the Tests.

HIS TRIUMPH

He triumphed at Lord's, scoring 72 and 184, and taking five wickets for 196, for which he was congratulated by the Queen.

Aboard ship Mankad said: "I am paying my own fare to Bombay and therefore am travelling tourist because I'm not an official member of the team. But it would have been nice to have been seen off with the rest of them."

Mr. Aird said later: "I'm astonished to hear Mankad was in the ship. I'm distressed we didn't say goodbye to him. He's one of the first I'd like to have shaken by the hand."

In a radio telegram to me from the ship late last night manager Pankaj Gupta explained that he had not been advised of any official M.C.C. farewell.

He said Mr. Findlay and Mr. Aird met the team's coach and that Mankad, who had travelled by boat-train, had not been contacted.

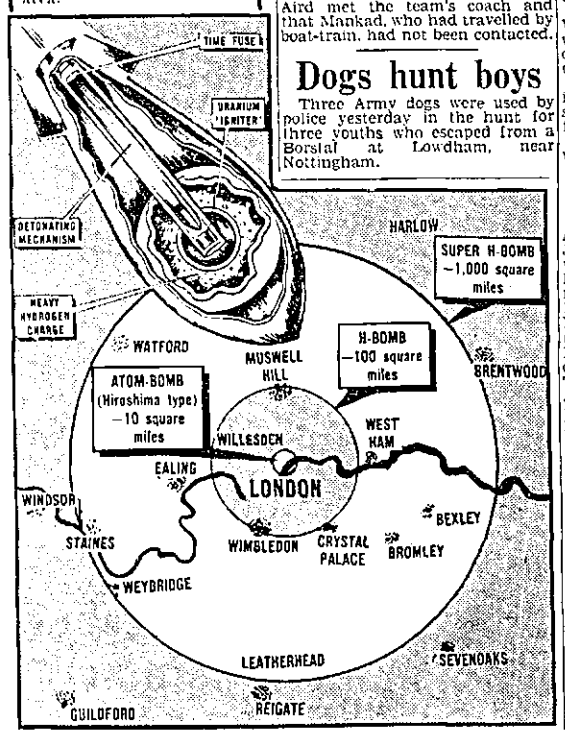
MANKAD and SON
For them—tourist class.

Dogs hunt boys

Three Army dogs were used by police yesterday in the hunt for three youths who escaped from a Borstal at Lowdham, near Nottingham.

If H-bomb landed on London . . .

Diagram showing how an H-bomb or super H-bomb could devastate the London area.



12,000 see hoverplane crash by searchlight

Express Staff Reporter

AN R.A.F. hoverplane crashed last night on the fringe of a crowd of 12,000 people at a Battle of Britain Week display—killing one spectator and injuring four others.

The co-pilot, Flight-Lieutenant John Minifie, was seriously hurt.

The hoverplane was demonstrating night landing at a speedway track at Par, near St. Austell, Cornwall.

It came down and hovered at 40 feet in the middle of the arena—its own searchlight the only light burning at the blacked-out ground.

Then it side-slipped sharply and crashed through a fence on to empty buses parked outside.

PEOPLE FAINT

Spectators, who had been standing 20 deep, scattered. Several fainted.

The pilot, Flying-Officer Bernard, climbed out unhurt. So did the radio operator, Flight-Lieutenant Read, and Group Captain Barratt, commanding officer of St. Mawgan's, the hoverplane's base.

Two spectators were taken to hospital in Truro. And there one of them, 34-year-old Mr. James Theodore Richards, of Penryn, died a few hours later.

Three other spectators were taken to hospital in St. Austell.

A Co-op boss resigns

Mr. G. H. Gawden, president of the East Cornwall Co-operative Society, said yesterday he is resigning because of "profound differences" over policy.

His resignation follows a dividend drop from 4d. to nothing for the 8,997 members. Mr. Gawden said he did not agree with most members of the board that the drop was beyond their control.

Boy of six falls through skylight

Maurice Colbourne, aged six, fell through a skylight while he was climbing on the roof of a garage in St. John's-hill, Battersea, last night. He dropped 20ft. on to a concrete floor and was badly cut and bruised.

Welcome, Navy

BARCELONA, Tuesday.—The British Fleet, visiting Spain for the first time since 1936, is being feted at Barcelona. Newspapers have published pages in English, telling the 3,000 sailors where to find the best amusements. Editorials comment on their "extraordinarily good conduct and discipline."—Express News Service.

£225-a-week villa

ROME, Tuesday.—Ex-king Farouk has taken over the lease of a villa with 40 acres of ground at Frascati, near Rome. The rent: £900 a month. His three daughters are to go to school in Rome.—Exchange.

Russian flag kept in show

The Russian flag was shown again, despite protests, at an R.A.F. stage show on Bognor Regis pier last night.

Twenty-six-year-old Mrs. June Joachim, who held it, got thunderous applause. It was included among the flags of six nations who were allies during the war.

On Monday night Mrs. Delia Wall, of Boxgrove, carried it. She withdrew when her husband objected. There was talk of cutting the scene.

But Corporal Bill Cross, producing the show for R.A.F. charities, said: "We stand for good will and friendship. It goes on."

Walcott may seek Coronation fight

ATLANTIC CITY, Tuesday.—If Jersey Joe Walcott retains his world's heavyweight title against Rocky Marciano at Philadelphia next Tuesday, he and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, plan to go to Europe with the hope that Walcott can defend the title against the British heavy-weight champion during Coronation week next year. The present British champion is Johnny Williams, of Rugby, who won the title from Jack Gardner last March.—Express News Service.

The 'Boyd gang' is recaptured

TORONTO, Tuesday.—Four members of the "Boyd gang"—Edwin Boyd, Steve Suchan, Leonard Jackson and William Jackson—who sawed their way out of a Toronto jail on September 8, were captured today.

Mr. *Soaring* Price

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The price of sugar and olive oil was doubled for Israelis today.

HERO SELLS V.C. FOR £75

'My children need new clothes'

Express Staff Reporter

A SAILOR to whom fame and honours came after he was awarded the V.C. for sinking a Japanese warship has sold his decoration for £75, it was disclosed last night.

It was bought by a second-hand dealer in Belfast.

The V.C., James Magennis, aged 32, formerly a leading seaman, sold it, he said, because he needed the money for clothes for his children, to re-paper his front room, and to buy curtains.

The fame of his exploit in July 1945 almost brought to ruin this quiet sailor, who lives with his wife and three children at Carncaver-road, Belfast.

He came back to Belfast a hero, Ulster's only V.C. of Hitler's war. The people of the city had a gift of £3,000 waiting.

In a little while the explosion

And the people never tired of hearing how Magennis, diver of the midget submarine XE3, wriggled out to fix limpet mines on the hull of the cruiser Takao.

It was tricky work. It took him 45 minutes to scrape off several years of barnacles from the cruiser's hull, so that the mines would stick.

His breathing gear was leaking, but he worked on. In a little while there was an explosion and the Takao sank.

The courage and determination of Leading Seaman Magennis was "beyond all praise," the citation said.

And then? "We are simple people," said his wife Edna last night. "We were forced into the limelight. We lived beyond our means because it seemed the only thing we could do."

Magennis said: "That £3,000 all went in three years. It's hard to explain now. But we just lived in a whirl, always hoping we'd be able to escape the limelight and just live ordinary lives."

He is now a £6 10s a week naval yard electrician, but in 1949, to buy toys for his children at Christmas, he joined a circus for a month.

He also raised £100 by doing an underwater escape act.

But the medal had to go

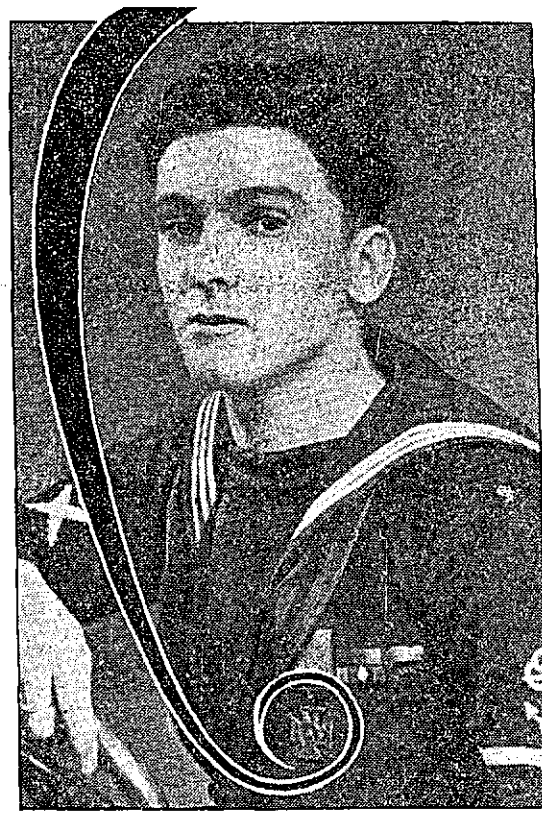
"I'm ashamed at having to sell the V.C.," he said. "That medal meant a lot to me. I used to keep it in a bedroom drawer.

"But it had to go. What is the use of a medal when you need money for your family to live?"

Into the dealer's shop of Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, in Belfast's Smithfield Market, last night came Mr. Michael Batley, a medal collector of West Drayton, Middlesex.

He offered to buy the Magennis V.C. for £100.

Said Mr. Kavanagh: "I refused to part with it. The medal goes to Belfast Municipal Museum on Friday."



Diver James Magennis wearing his V.C.

MURDER DREAM GIVES YARD CLUE

Express Staff Reporter

A WOMAN'S dream about a murder has been reported to Scotland Yard. For the dream was on the night of March 13-14, when 74-year-old Mrs. Maria Hill was strangled, stabbed, and burned to death in her village store at Clehonger, Hereford.

2 CHILDREN KILLED IN GRANARY

TWO children were killed yesterday when a granary floor collapsed, throwing two tons of grain into a store below.

Mr. Abraham Foster, of Park House Farm, Hutton Bonville, near Northallerton, Yorks, found his daughter Greta dead under a beam.

He and his wife dug through the grain and found their son Anthony, aged six, suffocated.

The children had gone into the granary to look for a mouse. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were resting in the store after threshing; the grain and flooring missed them.

The woman was in hospital when she had the dream. In it she saw a man killing an old woman with his hands in what looked like a small house turned into a shop.

That is an exact description of the shop where Mrs. Hill, a widow, lived alone, say police who interviewed the woman.

She also told them: "My dream was so vivid I would know the man anywhere if I saw him again."

The hospital confirmed that the patient had a dream on the night of the murder. "She woke up screaming and was terrified," said a nurse.

At the inquest on Mrs. Hill a jury returned a verdict of murder by a person or persons unknown.

At the time the police expressed the view that the killer was being shielded.

Man escapes from blazing yacht

The destroyer Virago, the Thames pleasure steamer Medway Queen, and a naval gunnery range patrol launch went to help Mr. Richard Gibson, of Southend, when his 45ft. auxiliary cruiser blazed off Warden Point, Isle of Sheppey, yesterday. Mr. Gibson got into his dinghy and the patrol launch took him aboard.

Trouble-free trip —bar the animals

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday.—A 1,400-mile 27-day cycle trip from Johannesburg ended today for Miss L. E. Marriot, aged 23, of Berkhamsted, Herts, in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia. Her only troubles: one flat tyre, and wild animals that forced her once to sleep in a tree instead of in the open as usual.—A.P.

British give £3,000 to Eva fund

BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday.—Britons in Buenos Aires have contributed more than £3,000 to the Eva Peron Memorial Fund, an official said today. The fund now exceeds £25,000,000.—Express News Service.

Air search halted

SYDNEY, Tuesday.—Aircraft today abandoned the search for the 400-ton motor ship Awahou, missing in the Tasman Sea.—Express News Service.

Roller hits bus

A runaway steamroller crashed into a bus on Dog Kennel Hill, East Dulwich, last night. No one was injured.

The 51st veto

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Russia today vetoed Libya's application for United Nations membership. It was Russia's 51st veto.—A.P.

Police drag Thames

Police dragged the Thames at Richmond early today after it was reported that a man fell from Richmond Bridge.

'CZECH FOOD RIOTS' REPORT

Express Staff Reporter: Vienna, Tuesday

FOOD riots are reported tonight from Prague and other parts of Czechoslovakia. Demonstrators attacked State stores and were broken up by armed police.

The serious food position was emphasised by Premier Zapotocky in a broadcast recently. He said: "Women stop me in the street and complain that they have had no bread for three days."

The Premier blamed town councils for failing to get from farmers the food quotas fixed by the Government. The farmers are hoarding because drought has hit the harvest.

SIR EVELYN MISSES TERROR TALKS

By GUY EDEN

SIR EVELYN BARING, Governor-Designate of Kenya, who will leave to take up his post on Sunday week, was not present at a long conference in Whitehall yesterday between the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, and members of the Kenya Government.

Two Ministers from Kenya—Mr. J. Whyatt, Attorney-General and Member for Law and Order, and Mr. E. R. St. Aubrey Davies, Chief Native Commissioner and Member for African Affairs—are in London to discuss new laws to put down Kenya's crime wave.

They are understood to have told Mr. Lyttelton that the situation calls for speedy action.

Nairobi cable: The Kenya Government has banned motor traffic after dark on 11 stretches of main road, some of them radiating from Nairobi. Doctors and officials will get permits.

The ban follows a number of office-breaking and similar crimes, in which cars were used to escape.

A curfew was imposed on a sixth African reserve.

So food convoys go through

BERLIN, Tuesday.—Six hundred transport firms which bring food to Berlin from the West decided not to strike tonight a few minutes before their lorries were scheduled to stop.

The decision to carry on was taken when the West Berlin authorities promised to restore a fuel subsidy and back the firms' demand for faster clearance of lorries at Soviet zone check points.—Express News Service.

Hunting a market

Eire is trying to step up exports to Canada. Trade adviser Mr. D. O'Regan leaves this week for a three-month promotion tour there.

Butler Cabinet

Mr. R. A. Butler, acting Prime Minister while Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden are abroad, has called a meeting of the Cabinet for tomorrow. It will be the first time he has presided. Only routine departmental business is on the agenda.

ON THE WAGON

WELLINGTON (New Zealand), Tuesday.—Three hundred dozen bottles of beer went flying off a lorry today.

All because a water wagon.

The lorry driver swerved to avoid the wagon. Hundreds of bottles were smashed on the road.

And hundreds more were smashed on the wagon.—Express News Service.

Bradley hopes to ease atom news ban

Express Staff Reporter

PARIS, Tuesday.—America's General Bradley told a Press conference today that "restricted" information on atomic weapons is available to General Ridgway, the Atlantic Powers Commander-in-Chief in Europe, his chief of staff, U.S. General Gruenther, and some other Americans at his headquarters.

Immediately a reporter asked: "Why is it that other chiefs of staff, Field-Marshal Montgomery and Marshal Juin of France, do not have access to this information?" General Bradley replied that a U.S. law restricts more important atomic information to screened Americans. He hoped to get the law changed soon.

Meanwhile, other Atlantic Treaty planners would have to take the word of their American colleagues on the number of bombs ready and what they could do.

He pointed out that atomic information which has been published is available to all the Atlantic allies.

General Bradley condemned "wishful thinking" that U.S. atomic weapons would enable European nations to reduce the manpower they had promised for the Atlantic Treaty line-up.

No matter how many atom bombs the Treaty forces had they would need enough ground strength to force an enemy to concentrate for attack.

Said Bradley: "If an enemy wanted to disperse his forces so that soldiers walked 100 yards apart, they could advance in the face of the greatest atomic power on earth—unless other men were there to stop them."

New envoy arrives

Dr. Dirk Stikker, Holland's new Ambassador to Britain, arrived in London last night.

Empire lands extend Jap ban

Express Staff Reporter

A BIG Empire market for Japan's under-price textiles is to be closed until July next year.

Mr. Richard Barrow, chairman of the Africa section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, said last night that the six months' ban imposed in Kenya and Uganda in July has been extended for a further six months.

And today, in London, the World Cotton Conference opens, with Tokyo's Mr. Kojiro Abe heading the biggest of the visiting delegations.

The Kenya-Uganda ban was imposed after an early 1952 flood of Japanese imports.

In the first three months of the year Japan landed 10,190,000 yards of cotton cloth in the territories; Lancashire sent only 9,507,000 yards in seven months.

After the preliminary ban, Lancashire's East African trade spurted to 2,000,000 yards in July alone.

Mr Barrow said: "Lancashire's prices have now been brought nearer to those of Japan though the Japanese with their low labour costs can still go on cutting.

"If Lancashire does not keep prices down, there will be pressure in Kenya and Uganda to lift the ban."

SOUVENIR BAN

Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika have also banned imports of all non-British-made Coronation souvenirs—"to preserve the domestic character of the Commonwealth's celebrations."

Japan was ready to move into this market too.

The ban covers every kind of flag or souvenir carrying representations of the Queen or any member of the Royal Family, the Royal Cypher, or the Royal Arms.

Also barred are foreign-produced articles carrying pictures of buildings associated with the Coronation.

4.30 a.m. LATEST HOVERPLANE: CO-PILOT DIES

Flight Lieutenant Minifie, co-pilot of hoverplane which crashed at display at Par, Cornwall, died this morning. He was 46, lived in Rusholme-road, Putney.

CENtral 8000

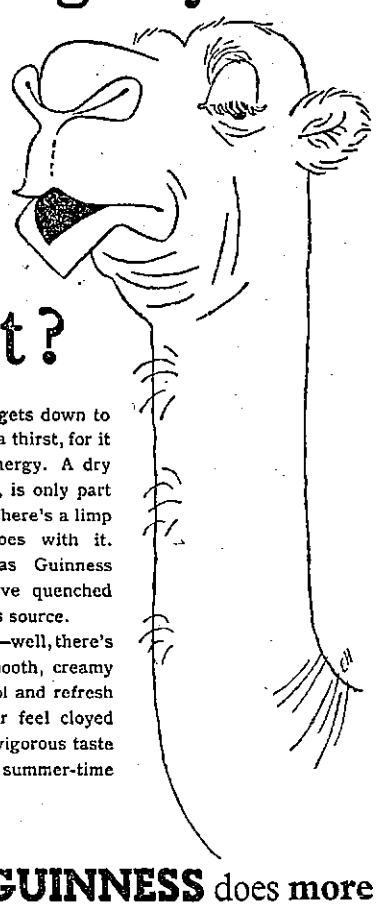
500 m.p.h. comfort

GENEVA, Tuesday.—Sir Harold Whittingham, B.O.A.C.'s medical director, told a conference here today that doctors are trying to make air travel at 500 miles an hour as comfortable as "sitting under the shade of a tree with your heart's desire."

Strike will go on

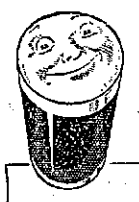
The 11-week-old strike by 1,100 workers at Park Royal Vehicles, London will continue, the men decided at a meeting yesterday.

How long is your thirst?



GUINNESS gets down to the very root of a thirst, for it restores your energy. A dry throat, after all, is only part of the trouble. There's a limp feeling that goes with it. Banish *that* (as Guinness does), and you've quenched your thirst at its source.

As for dryness—well, there's nothing like smooth, creamy Guinness to cool and refresh you. You never feel cloyed with the clean, vigorous taste of this ideal summer-time drink.



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